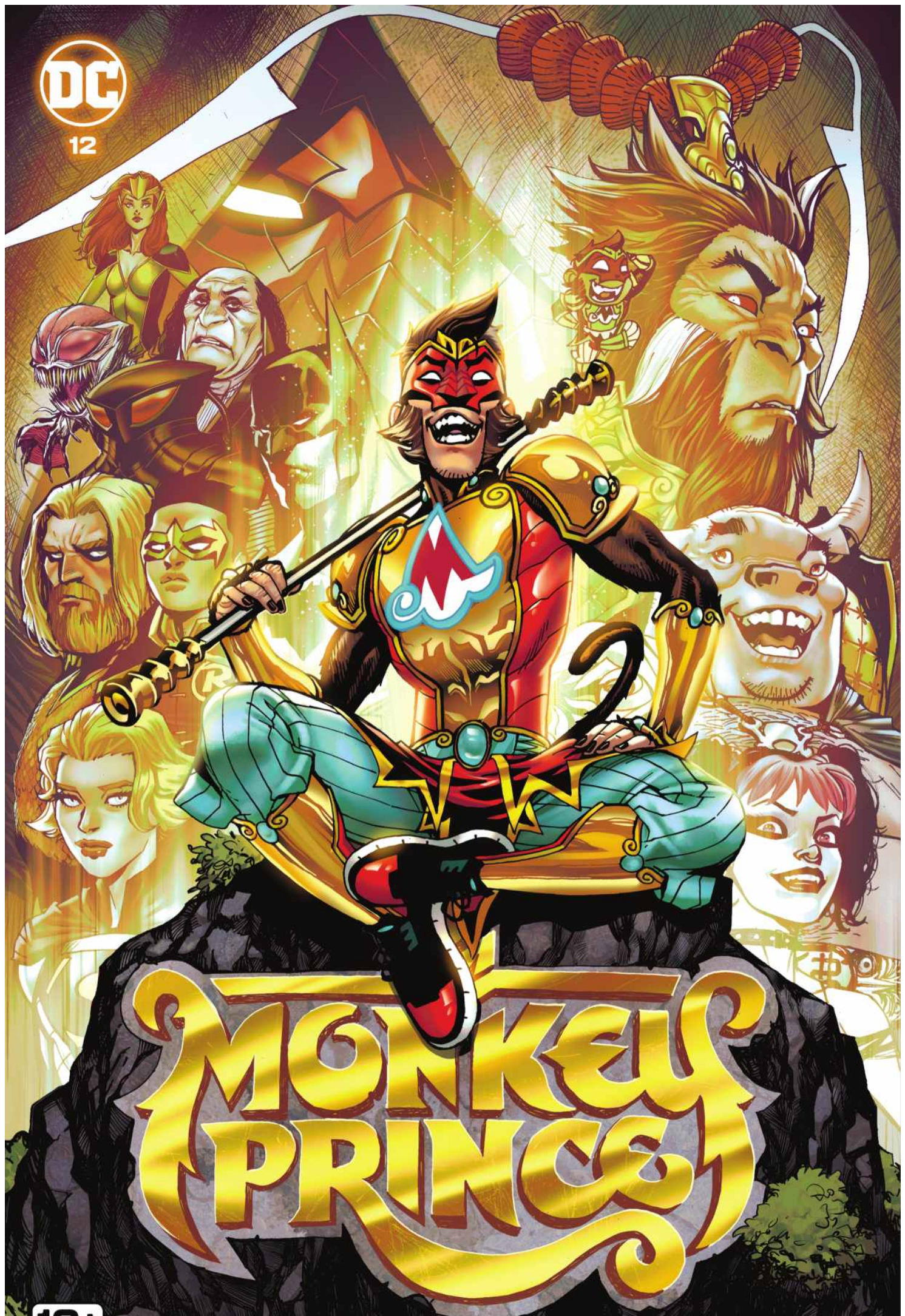




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Home is a heartbeat away.



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LOST SUPERMAN



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A new blockbuster 10 issue series from the

SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.





RFFF...

YOU. WHY
ARE YOU...HNV...
HELPING
ME...?

AN ODD WAY
OF EXPRESSING
GRATITUDE.



BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION,
YOU AND I HAVE THE SAME
ENEMY... THE ONE WHO CALLS
HIMSELF **MONKEY PRINCE!**

HRF.
THE **MONKEY**
KING'S SON.



SON? HA HA! IS
THAT WHAT HE PASSES
HIMSELF OFF AS?

I KNOW
HIS **SECRET**. I KNOW
THE **TRUTH**.

THE
TRUTH!

THE
TRUTH!

HE'S NO
SON.



WHAT
"TRUTH"...?

HRFFF!

LOOK AT YOU,
TOO WEAK TO EVEN
STAND UP! YOU MUST
BE **FAMISHED**,
MY DEAR KING!



I'LL HAVE
MY SOLDIERS FETCH
YOU SOMETHING TO **EAT**,
OR PERHAPS MORE
ACCURATELY...

...**SOMEONE!**

KLICK
KLACK KLACK
KLICK
KLACK



THE LAZARUS STORM
LEFT METROPOLIS A MESS. ALL
THESE ORDINARY PEOPLE, WORKING
THEIR TAILS OFF TO PUT
THEIR LIVES BACK TOGETHER.

HOW COULD WE
NOT PITCH IN?

HOLD IT STILL
FOR ME, MONKEY
PRINCE?

YOU GOT
IT, SG!



MONKEY
PRINCE.
HELLO.

YOU!



HERE FOR
A REMATCH,
TOOTHY GIRL?!

KLANG!

NO!
NO MORE
FIGHTING!
I WANT TO
HELP!



WE DON'T NEED
HELP FROM SOMEONE
WHO REFERS TO ME AS
"TASTY, TASTY
MONKEY"!

COME NOW,
MONKEY. PERHAPS
"TOOTHY GIRL" HAS
HAD A CHANGE
OF HEART!



I DON'T THINK
WE'VE EVER BEEN PROPERLY
INTRODUCED.

I KNOW WHO YOU
ARE, **SHIFU PIGGY**.
MY NAME IS **SHOX**
(SHELLESTRIAH), BUT
HUMANS CALL ME
SHELL. WOULD
YOU...

...BE
WILLING TO
TRAIN ME?

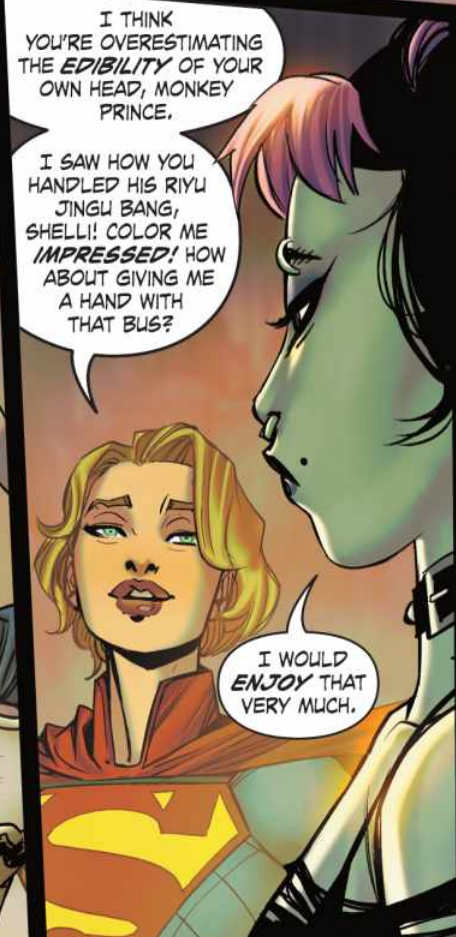
WHY, OF
COURSE!



WHAT?!

HEAR THAT?
SHE CALLED ME
SHIFU WITHOUT
BEING TOLD TO!
I LIKE HER
ALREADY!

BUT SHIFU,
WHAT IF SHE
TRIES TO EAT
MY HEAD
AGAIN?!



I THINK
YOU'RE OVERESTIMATING
THE **EDIBILITY** OF YOUR
OWN HEAD, MONKEY
PRINCE.

I SAW HOW YOU
HANDLED HIS RIYU
JINGU BANG,
SHELL! COLOR ME
IMPRESSED! HOW
ABOUT GIVING ME
A HAND WITH
THAT BUS?

I WOULD
ENJOY THAT
VERY MUCH.



HOW DO WE
KNOW TOOTHY GIRL
ISN'T FAKING BEING
ALL NICE AND
HELPFUL?

DISTINGUISHING
FAKE FROM **REAL**
REQUIRES A CERTAIN
AMOUNT OF **FAITH**. THE
ONLY WAY TO KNOW
FOR SURE IS TO
LET HER--



COME ON, MAGIC CLOUDS! GET THAT SKELETON GUY OFF OF HER!

UFF?

SHELL!!
YOU
OKAY?!

HWOOSH



MANY
THANKS...TASTY
MONKEY.

GAH!
I TOLD YOU
NOT TO CALL
ME THAT!



THE PERFECT
MEAL FOR KING
FIRE BULL!

NFF!
THEY MUST BE
MAGIC! I DON'T
DO SO WELL
WITH MAGIC!

YES, HER QI!
SHE POSSESSES
ONE OF THE EIGHT
IMMORTAL
POWERS!

THIS ONE...
HER QI...!

SLASH!

SUPERGIRL NEEDS
BACKUP, BUT THERE'S
A WHOLE ARMY OF 'EM!



GUESS I'M GONNA
HAVE TO MAKE A WHOLE
ARMY OF ME.

HHHH...

SCRATCH
SCRATCH

PLUCK
SCRATCH

GOOD THING **SUN WUKONG** THE MONKEY KING--MY DAD, I GUESS?--TAUGHT ME HOW TO MASTER THE DISCIPLINE OF **HAIR-INTO-CLONES** WHEN I MET HIM IN THE **PHANTOM ZONE**.*

READY, GUYS?

WE WERE **BORN** READY!

NO MORE **FUN-SIZE** MONKEY PRINCES.

ONLY THE **REAL** DEAL.

HA HA! SUCH **ACCURATE** CLONES! I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD IT IN YOU, MY PRINCE!

*DETAILS IN THE LAST ISSUE! --JESS

UM...

THANKS, SHIFU?

I GUESS...?

APPRECIATE THE SAVE, MONKEY PRINCE!

IT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR, SG!

AND MAYBE MORE-THAN-FRIENDS?

UM, NO.

WHACK!



GREAT JOB, YOU PRINCES, YOU!

HOW YOU HANDLED THAT ONE SKELETON DEMON WITH THE HAMMER--WOW!

OH, IT WAS *NOTHING* COMPARED TO HOW YOU TOOK DOWN THE ONE WITH THE SWORD!

JEEPERS, YOU'RE HANDSOME!

ME? LOOK AT YOU! A *JAWLINE* CHISELED BY THE GODS, I TELL YOU!



THE MONKEY SEEMS TO ENJOY HIMSELF VERY MUCH.

HE SURE DOES.

SPEAKING OF *SMELLING*, AM I DETECTING A HINT OF *AXE BODY SPRAY*?

NAH, THAT'S JUST MY NATURAL-BORN MUSK!

GLORIOUS! *SNIFF! SNIFF!*



MONKEY PRINCE.

WE KNOW THE *TRUTH* ABOUT YOU, MONKEY PRINCE.

THE *TRUTH!*



YOU ARE *NOTHING* BUT A CLONE!

KLICK KLACK KLICK



OF COURSE I'M A CLONE! *MOST* OF US ARE, YOU NUMBSKULL! MONKEY PRINCE BREATHED US INTO EXISTENCE, LIKE, *TEN SECONDS* AGO!

WHICH WAS STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO KICK YOUR *BONY BUTTS*!

"NUMBSKULL"! HA HA! GOOD ONE!

NO. WE SPEAK OF THE *ORIGINAL* MONKEY PRINCE, THE ONE WHO SOMETIMES TAKES THE FORM OF *HUMAN BOY*!



THE ONE WHO BELIEVES HIMSELF TO BE THE **SON OF SUN WUKONG**, THE MONKEY KING, THOUGH NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE **TRUTH!**



THE **TRUTH** IS...HE'S A **MERE STRAND OF HAIR** FROM **SUN WUKONG'S HEAD!** A HAIR THAT WAS BREATHED INTO A **CLONE!**



A HAIR THAT REFUSES TO **REVERT!** A HAIR THAT'S FORGOTTEN ITS **TRUE FORM!**



NOTHING BUT A **HAIR!**



KLICK KLICK KLACK KLICK KLACK

WH-WHAT?!

SHIFU PIGSY...

...WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

MONKEY, LISTEN--



IT'S **TRUE?!** IT CAN'T BE!

CAN IT...?



BUT WHAT WOULD IT **MEAN?!**

THAT NOT EVEN THE **REAL ME** IS **REAL?!**

SPEAKING OF WHICH...



EEEE!

EEEE!

EEEE!

...I'VE LOST TRACK OF WHICH ME IS THE **REAL ME!**

MONKEY!



*YOUR
MAJESTY!*

*WE'VE
RETURNED,
YOUR
MAJESTY!*

*WE'VE
RETURNED WITH
AN OFFERING!*

*AN OFFERING
FOR YOU!*

*KING
FIRE BULL...?
H-HOW DID YOU
SURVIVE?*

KRSSSH!

*SUPERGIRL,
I CAN'T TELL YOU
HOW PLEASED I AM
THAT YOU'RE
HERE!*

HRFFF!

*YOUR
QI--*

*YOUR QI IS SO...
ABUNDANT!*

AAAH!

*YES.
ABUNDANT.*

THE SKELETON DEMONS WERE HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF *DELAWARE BAY*. MIGHT YOU BE ABLE TO TRACK THEM DOWN, SHELLI?

I'LL WILL TRY, SHIFU.

SUPERGIRL WAS *BLEEDING* WHEN THEY TOOK HER, AND MY PEOPLE HAVE A KNACK FOR SNIFFING OUT *BLOOD*.

GOOD LUCK, DISCIPLE! AND IN THE MEANTIME...

...I'LL SEE IF I CAN HELP *MONKEY PRINCE* SORT HIMSELF OUT.

BUT SHIFU, WHAT'S THE POINT?

IF WHAT THE SKELETON DEMONS SAID IS *TRUE*...

...THERE IS NO *REAL* ME!

SIT DOWN, EVERYONE! UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE IS THE *REAL YOU*, YOU'RE ALL COMPLETELY *USELESS*!

DO NOT *TEMPT* ME, LITTLE MONKEYS! FOR ONCE UPON A TIME, I WAS A *TERRIBLE DEMON* WITH AN INSATIABLE APPETITE FOR *FLESH*!

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT. WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOUR *BREATHING*.

INHALE...

EXHALE...

SIGH.

EEE!

EEE!

EEE!

GAH!

YOU SAID IT! GAH!

GAH!



HRFFF! SHE HAS ONE OF THE IMMORTAL POWERS! I CAN FEEL IT!

JUST A LITTLE MORE--

HNNN... NO...



WHAM!

NO MORE!



KLICK KLICK
KLAG KLAG
KLICK KLAG

WE TOOK YOU DOWN ONCE, KING FIRE BULL. WE CAN DO IT AGAIN.



WILL YOU, NOW? AND WHERE IS THIS "WE" THAT YOU SPEAK OF?



FOOLISH GIRL!

SPLASH!







"LATER WHEN **SUN WUKONG** ENTERED THE **PHANTOM ZONE**, YOU AND HIS OTHER CLONES FOLLOWED HIM THERE.

"BUT UNLIKE THE OTHERS, YOU REFUSED TO REVERT TO YOUR **ORIGINAL FORM**.

"INSTEAD, YOU HID YOURSELF INSIDE OF A **ROCK**."



"MANY CENTURIES LATER, THE **ULTRA-HUMANITE** OPENED A PORTAL TO THE **PHANTOM ZONE**. YOUR **ROCK** TUMBLED OUT, DOWN TO **EARTH--**

"--AND **CRACKED OPEN**."



AND THAT'S WHERE THE **MYSTERY** COMES IN. WHY DID YOU ASSUME THE FORM OF A **HUMAN BABY**? WAS IT AN **ACT OF WILL** ON YOUR PART, PERHAPS FOR THE SAKE OF **SELF-PRESERVATION**?

OR WAS **SOMETHING ELSE** AT PLAY? SOMETHING **LARGER** THAN JUST YOU?

I PROMISE YOU, MY PRINCE, NO **SIMPLE CLONE** COULD HAVE DONE WHAT YOU **DID**, LIVED AS YOU **LIVED**.

YOU AREN'T THE MONKEY KING'S **COPY**. YOU ARE HIS **ESSENCE**.

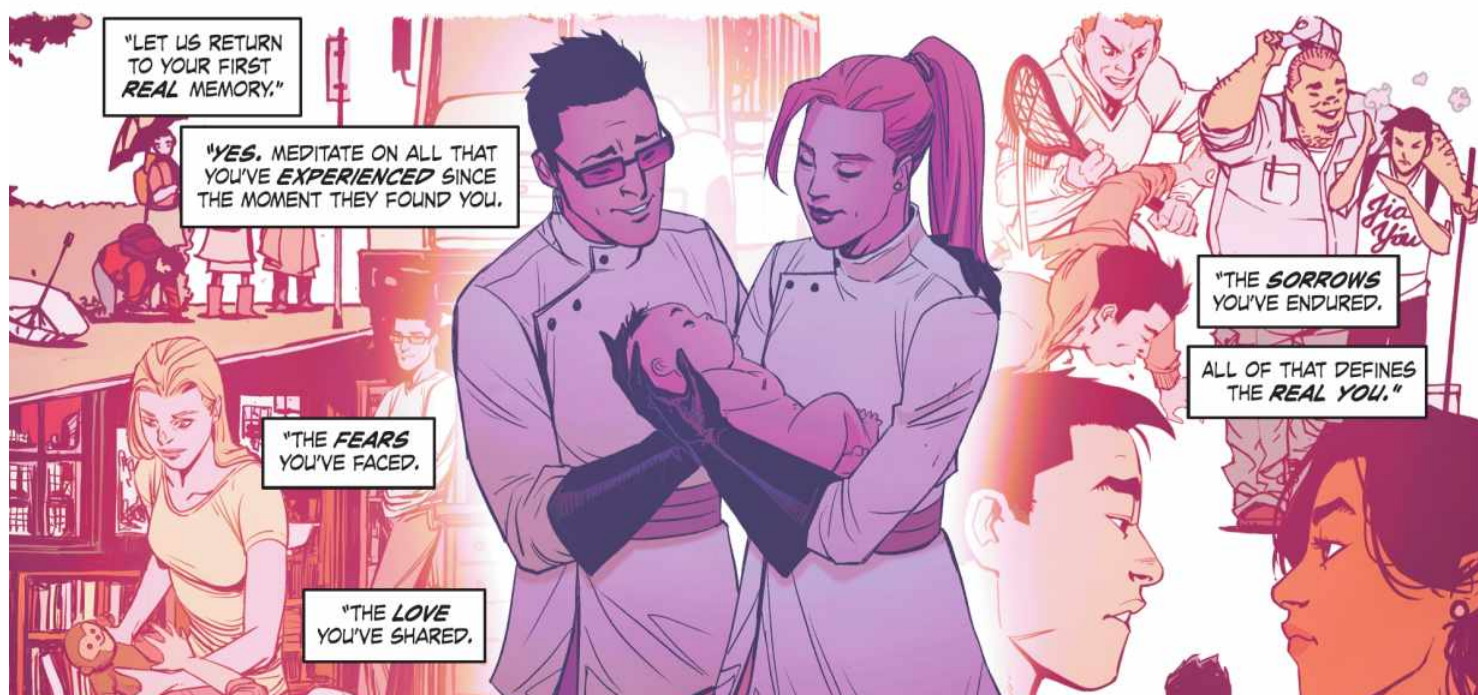
HIS SON.



BUT YOU STILL

HAVEN'T TOLD ME

WHICH ONE IS ME?



"LET US RETURN TO YOUR FIRST **REAL MEMORY**."

"YES. MEDITATE ON ALL THAT YOU'VE **EXPERIENCED** SINCE THE MOMENT THEY FOUND YOU.

"THE **FEARS** YOU'VE FACED.

"THE **LOVE** YOU'VE SHARED.

"THE **SORROWS** YOU'VE ENDURED.

ALL OF THAT DEFINES THE **REAL YOU**."



"YOU MEAN WITH MY PARENTS?"

BUT WHY WOULD ANY OF THAT

IF I'M JUST A HAIR--?

MEAN ANYTHING

STOP, MONKEY. YOU MUST CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN **REALNESS**. TOO MANY PEOPLE **DEPEND** ON YOU.

I WANT YOU TO SAY IT. **SAY** WHAT YOU **CHOOSE**.



I...

I CHOOSE...

...TO BELIEVE THAT I'M **REAL**.



VERY GOOD. NOW **OPEN YOUR EYES**.



THANK YOU, SHIFU PIGGY.

AS I'VE SAID, DISTINGUISHING **FAKE** FROM REAL REQUIRES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF **FAITH**.

I HAVE FAITH THAT YOU ARE REAL, MY PRINCE. SO SHOULD YOU.



SHIFU PIGGY! TASTY MONKEY! WE NEED TO GET GOING!

I'VE GOT A LEAD ON **SUPERGIRL**, AND FROM WHAT I CAN **SMELL**--



"--SHE'S IN TROUBLE!"

DO US ALL
A FAVOR, SUPERGIRL.
SURRENDER.

--UP IN
THE SKY.

≡SNORT≡

SKRAAAUGH!

FANCY MEETING
A GUY LIKE *YOU* IN
A PLACE LIKE *THIS*,
KING FIRE BULL!

≡HUFF≡
HUFF≡ **WE DON'T
SURRENDER!**

AGAIN,
WHERE EXACTLY
IS THIS "**WE**"--

LOOK--

**MONKEY
PRINCE!**



DO YOU REALLY
THINK YOU CAN STAND
AGAINST ME?!

HECK YEAH!
I'M THE **MOTHER-
FLIPPIN'--**

SAVE IT, *MONKEY*.
I KNOW THE *TRUTH* ABOUT
YOU. I AM A *SON OF
GODS*, WHILE YOU--

YOU'RE A *STRAND
OF HAIR*, DELUDED BY
A *MAGIC SPELL*, MEANT TO BE
USED AND THEN *DISCARDED*.
A *CHEAP SIMULACRUM*
OF GODHOOD.

WAIT, DID
YOU JUST CALL
ME *FAKE*?

HNN!
LET
ME SHOW
YOU--



MY PRINCE--!

JUST HOW REAL I AM!

MY CLONES AND I COULD BEAT THE LIFE OUT OF YOU SO EASILY RIGHT NOW, KING FIRE BULL!

AND YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU'D DESERVE IT.

WHEEE!

AAAAH!

BUT, MY PRINCE, WOULD YOU DESERVE IT?

REMEMBER, MY PRINCE, ALL THAT YOU'VE EXPERIENCED DEFINES THE REAL YOU.

DO YOU WANT MURDER TO BE A PART OF THAT?



LATER.
THE HOME OF THE
SHUGEL-SHEN'S.



CAN YOU
BELIEVE
IT?



DESPITE ALL THAT'S
HAPPENED, OUR FAMILY IS
HEALTHY, SAFE, AND
TOGETHER AGAIN!

I KNOW
WE'VE HAD OUR
DIFFERENCES--



--BUT NONE
OF THIS WOULD HAVE
BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT
YOU, GERARD. WE OWE
YOU A *DEBT OF
GRATITUDE*.

HA HA!
FAR BE IT FROM
ME TO *DISAGREE!*
ON THAT NOTE, I'D
LIKE TO OFFER
A *TOAST!*



TO *DEBTS OF
GRATITUDE!*

KIND OF
WEIRD, DAD,
BUT *OKAY.*



WINK!



EEEE...

OKAY, SO
MY FAMILY



NOW THAT THEY'RE HEALTHY AGAIN,
MY PARENTS--MY *ADOPTIVE* PARENTS--
ARE PROBABLY GONNA GO BACK TO
THEIR *HENCHPEOPLE* JOBS.

WHICH MEANS MORE
MOVING FROM ONE CITY
TO THE NEXT, I'M SURE.

**EEEE!
EEEE!
EEEE!**

PLUS, MY GRANDPPA GERARD
IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST
NOTORIOUS *SUPER-VILLAINS*.

HECK, IT'S NOT JUST MY FAMILY.
MY *LIFE* ISN'T PERFECT. I HAVEN'T
DONE MUCH *HOMEWORK* SINCE
ALL THIISS STARTED SO MY GRADES
ARE PROBABLY IN THE *TOILET*.

AND
THEN
THERE'S
KAYA...

BUT MAYBE
NONE OF THAT
MATTERS.

BECAUSE
AT THE
END OF
THE DAY--

--I'M STILL
THE
MOTHERFLIPPIN'
MONKEY
PRINCE!

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DC NATION INTERVIEW

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SHAZAM! FURY OF THE GODS

What's the status of the Shazam family when this film starts?

In the first movie, the whole family got powers. When we catch up with them, it's been a couple of years and they've all been heroes for a little while. It hasn't been all great, though. They have problems working together and balancing their everyday lives with being superheroes. Billy also finally found the family he'd been searching for in the first movie. He's really struggling with keeping them all together, because they all have different wants and needs.

How does *Shazam! Fury of the Gods* build on what was set up in the first film?

One of the most exciting aspects of the second film was to go huge, have bigger stakes and action, but still keep that intimate family feel of the first film.

The fun part about making a bigger Shazam movie is the scope of the sets. The Rock of Eternity makes a return in a new way, because the kids have taken it over, added arcade machines and TVs, and made it look really cool. Also, in the first film we got a glimpse of the Room of Doors. Now we've really expanded it into a huge space with millions of doors, all going to different dimensions, planets, and realities.

Who are the new villains, the Daughters of Atlas?

We felt that a superhero in a movie is only as good as their villains...and we have some of the best ones. We wanted to aim high, and our goal was to get someone like Helen Mirren. So, we offered it to her, and to our surprise, she said yes right away. It was a dream come true. Then we went out to Lucy Liu, who also said yes. She's someone I've wanted to work with forever.

Why do you think people love the Shazam family?

I think [the 2019 film] *Shazam!* was as popular as it was because it has a lot of heart and humor, and it was something a little bit different from other superhero films. It was a very sincere joy showcased in the film and with wish fulfillment in a very grounded way that was still fantastical.

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